



PAM PERTUBUHAN AKITEK MALAYSIA
MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

**MALAYSIA
COUNTRY REPORT**

**The 33rd ARCASIA COUNCIL MEETING AND
THE 15TH ACA MEETING
BALI
INDONESIA**

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1. HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE

The Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM) – The Malaysian Institute of Architects was founded in 1920 as the Institute of Architects Malaya. In 1948, the name and consequently the Constitution were changed to the Federation of Malaya Society of Architects (FMSA) which was allied to the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). Another change in name to reflect national sovereignty came about when PAM was registered on 20 January 1967.

The primary objective of the Institute is for “The advancement and elevation of Architecture and the various arts and sciences connected therewith.” The Institute provides a framework for its members to operate effectively: to do, to run and to get the business of Architecture within the Code of Conduct and Scale of Fees.

The Institute is managed by an elected Council consisting of a President, Deputy President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and 13 Council Members. Also in Council is the Immediate Past President, 3 nominated Past Presidents, 1 nominated Council Member (Non-Corporate Member) and 4 elected representatives from the Chapters.

2. CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS

Term of Office : 2012-2013

President : Ar Saifuddin Ahmad

Deputy President : Ar Chan Seong Aun

Vice President : Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar

Honorary Secretary : Ar Mohd Zulhemlee An

Honorary Treasurer : Ar Abdul Halim Suhor

3. CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STRENGTH

Categories of Membership:

CATEGORIES	QUALIFICATIONS	ACTIVE MEMBERS HIP AS AT 31 July 2012	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION 2012
Corporate	Any person who has obtained the architectural qualification from schools recognized by the Institute and has passed the Professional Practice and Practical Experience Part 3 Examination.	1750	RM500.00 RM250.00 (Overseas)
Fellow	Any person who has been a Corporate Member for not less than 20 years, of good standing and who has contributed to the works of the Institute, or the profession or the industry may apply or be recommended for the Fellowship of the Institute.	83	RM500.00 RM250.00 (Overseas)
Retired	Any ordinary members who has attained the age of 60 years, and who has voluntarily retired from practice and ceased to be registered with the Board of Architects Malaysia shall, upon request by the prescribed form as per Bye-laws and subject to approval of Council, be eligible for the rights and privileges which this Constitution and the Bye-laws may be prescribe or allow	5	RM 250.00
Graduate	Any person who has completed a course of studies from a school which is recognized by the Institute as equivalent to passing the Part I & II Examinations of the Institute or who has completed the Part I & II Examinations conducted by the Institute and the Board.	910	RM190.00 RM125.00 (Overseas)
Student	Any person who has been admitted to a course leading to a professional Degree or Diploma in Architecture.	1075	Free of Charge
Associate Graduate	Any person who has graduated from a school of Architecture but who is not qualified for admission as a Corporate member, Graduate member, Academic member or Student member but acceptable to the Council for this class of membership and is interested in the objectives of the institute and is employed full time in an architectural practice or engaged in the building and design industry.	27	RM 190.00 RM 125.00 (Overseas)
Academic	Any person who is lecturing or teaching architecture full time in a college or university or engaged in building research or special projects in Malaysia, and is not eligible for Corporate or Graduate membership.	18	RM250.00 RM190.00 (Overseas)
International	Any person who has graduated from a school of architecture and is not qualified for admission as a Corporate member, Graduate member, Associate Graduate member, Academic member or Student member but acceptable to the Council for this class of membership and is interested in the objectives of the Institute and is a Corporate Member in his country or hold equivalent membership of an Institute of architects which itself is a member institute of the International Union of Architects (UIA) .	0	RM500.00
Honorary	Any person who is not eligible for Corporate membership of the Institute may be elected as an Honorary Member if he is, by reason of his eminence, interest of Architecture and the arts and sciences connected therewith and of his contribution to the objectives of the Institute, considered by the Council to be eligible for the honor of Honorary Membership.	8	-
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		3876	

Procedure for enrolment:

- a) Every applicant for admission as Member shall make application and be proposed by at least two Corporate Members of the Institute in accordance with the proposal form as per Bye-Laws of his class of membership to which admission is sought.
- b) The proposal of every applicant for admission to any class of membership must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary for submission to Council and if Council approves such proposal and find such candidate to be eligible and qualified according to the Constitution and Bye-Laws for the time being in force, he shall be admitted to membership in the class to which he has been proposed and such admission shall be recorded in the minutes of the Council meeting at which such nomination is approved.

4. BUDGET OF THE INSTITUTE

Sources of funds:

- i) Annual subscriptions
- ii) Sale of publications
- iii) Conferences/seminars
- iv) Sponsorships

The budget would have to be approved by Council.

5. NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

There are currently 4 Chapters of PAM:

- i) Northern Chapter (includes states of Penang, Perlis, Kelantan, Kedah and Terengganu)
- ii) Southern Chapter (includes states of Johor and Malacca)
- iii) Sabah Chapter
- iv) Sarawak Chapter

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of April each year.

7. LEGAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE COUNTRY

PAM is recognised by the Malaysian Government as the national institute for Architects and it is the only Professional Institute for Architects in Malaysia. Membership to PAM is not compulsory for a professional Architect to practice architecture in Malaysia. Corporate Members are entitled to use the prefix APAM after their names while Fellow Members may use the prefix FPAM.

8. REGISTRATION AUTHORITY FOR ARCHITECTS IN THE COUNTRY

The Registration Authority for Architects in Malaysia is the Board of Architects Malaysia or Lembaga Arkitek Malaysia (LAM) constituted under the Architects Act 1967 (Revised 2007). The Board of Architects Malaysia (LAM) is the statutory body set up by the government to control the registration of Architects and practice of architecture in Malaysia. The Architects Act has allowed Professional Architects in Malaysia to use the prefix 'Ar.'

9. INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS OF THE INSTITUTES

ORGANISATIONS	POSITIONS HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
International Union of Architects (UIA)	<p>Ar Dato' Haji Esa Mohamed 1st Vice President Region IV (2011-2014) Council Member, Region IV (2008-2011) Member, Professional Practice Commission (1998-2008) Professional Practice Commission Implementation Task Force (2009-2011)</p> <p>Ar Tan Pei Ing Alternate Council Member, Region IV (2008-2011) Member, Professional Practice Commission (2004-2008)</p> <p>Ar Boon Che Wee Member, Professional Practice Commission (2004-2008)</p> <p>Ar Dr Goh Chong Chia Treasurer (2008-2011)</p>	EUR 1742
Eastern Regional Organisation on Planning & Housing (EAROPH)	<p>Ar K C Leong Secretary General (1978-86)</p> <p>Ar Dato' Dr Ruslan Khalid Secretary General (1986-92)</p> <p>Ar Jimmy C S Lim Council Member (1992-94)</p> <p>Ar John Koh Seng Siew Secretary General (1994-2002)</p> <p>Ar Paul Lai Chu Council Member (2003-2005)</p> <p>Ar Lim Pay Chye Council Member (2003-2006)</p> <p>Ar Abu Zarim Abu Bakar Council Member (2006-2011)</p> <p>Ar Thirilogachandran a/l Shanmugasundaram Honorary Secretary (2011-2012)</p>	US\$85
Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)	<p>Ar Dato' Dr Kenneth Yeang Deputy Chairman (1983-84) Chairman (1987-88) , Adviser (1999-2000)</p> <p>Ar David Teh Deputy Chairman (1985-88)</p> <p>Ar Dato' Haji Esa Mohamed Honorary Secretary (1987-88) Chairman (1995-96) Immediate Past Chairman (1997-98)</p> <p>Ar Datuk P Kasi Honorary Treasurer (1987-88) Chairman ACAE (1991-94) Honorary Secretary (1995-96) Chairman (1999-2000)</p> <p>Ar Henry Lee Inn Seong Honorary Treasurer (1995-96)</p> <p>Ar Lai Lok Kun Honorary Secretary (1978-80)</p> <p>Ar Lt Kol Prof Dato' Parid Wardi Chairman ACAE (1997-2000)</p> <p>Ar Dr Tan Loke Mun Honorary Secretary (1999-2000)</p> <p>Ar Lim Pay Chye Honorary Treasurer (1999-2000)</p> <p>Ar Tan Pei Ing President Elect (2011-2012) Deputy Chairman, Zone B (2007-2008)</p>	US\$1000

10. MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF THE INSTITUTE

PAM Convention (Annually)

International Design Conference (DATUM: KL) (Annually)

Dialogues with Local and International Allied Professional Bodies and Government Departments

PAM Awards (Annually)

PAM Architectural Steel Awards (Biannually)

PAM Colour on Building Awards (Biannually)

Building Industry Dinner (Annually)

PAM Annual Dinner (Annually)

Members' Night (Annually)

PAM Golf Competition (Annually)

Students Workshop & Exhibition (Annually)

PAM Community Care Programme (Annually)

PAM Master Class Student Exhibition (Annually)

Community Outreach Programme (Monthly)
- Architects Meet the Public Session

Technical Visits

Arbitration & Mediation Services

CPD Seminars & Workshops (1st and 3rd week of the month)

Design Lecture Series (4th week of the month)

Inter Firm Friendly Bowling Tournament (Annually)

Architect Malaysia Exhibition

International Architecture Exhibition

Architectural Design Competition

11. OUTREACH PROGRAMMES OF THE INSTITUTE

The Professional Practice Committee attends to queries and complaints received from members of the public on matters relating to practice and housing.

The institute conducts 'Architects Meet the Public Session' once a month.

PAM Education and Membership Committees organise membership drive and community care programmes that involve architectural students and members of the public.

12. PUBLICATIONS

Berita Akitek - monthly newsletter
Architecture Malaysia – bi-monthly journal
Architects Directory – annually
Architecture Asia – tri-monthly journal for ARCASIA
Chapters' Monographs – special publications
Recent Malaysian Architecture – 2007
Architectural Heritage Pre-Merdeka Kuala Lumpur (2007)
PAM Academic Journal (2008)
Handbook for PAM Contract 2006 (2009)
Architects Malaysia (2010)
Shapers of Modern Malaysia (2010)
30 Under 40 (2011)
Architects Malaysia Exhibition (2010)
Penang Transitions (2011)
Post Merdeka Architecture (1987)
Architect Office Practice Manual (2010)
Colonial Townships in Sabah West Coast (2012)
Putra Architectural Exhibition 2012

The above publications are useful reference and communication tools on the architectural profession.

13. ARCHITECTURAL / DESIGN / MASTERPLANNING COMPETITIONS

In 2012 PAM has organised 2 architectural / design / masterplanning competitions:

1. PAM+UIA+1MDB International Design Competition for KLIFD Signature Tower Project Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
2. The New PAM Centre Architectural Design Competition

14. DATUM: KL KUALA LUMPUR ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL

The Datum:KL Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival is held as a month-long multi-programme celebration of architecture and the city of Kuala Lumpur usually in July. The Festival aims to bring forth wider, cultural aspects of the discipline onto the public domain and to invigorate the city of Kuala Lumpur into new and purposeful dialogues. PAM's objective is also to establish Datum:KL to be the key definitive regional architecture and design event. For more information visit <http://www.datumkl.my>

15. RESOURCES OF THE INSTITUTE

- **PUSAT BINAAN SDN BHD**

Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd, the business and entrepreneurial arm of PAM is involved in areas relating to the architectural profession and building industry. The activities undertaken by Pusat Binaan Sdn Bhd are not solely for profit but also as a service to members and others in the building industry.

- **PAM EDUCATION FUND (PEF FUND)**

The PAM Education Fund was set up with the approval of general body of members on 9th August 1981. The main objective of the fund is to encourage and assist persons desirous of acquiring architectural or related qualifications by provision of scholarship and educational loans. The Fund provides loans or grants of money, book and equipment for training candidates in the architectural profession and also provides grants for research work in relation to building science or to the art and science of architecture. Current PEF projects include travel scholarship to students from recognised universities, study scholarships, student jamborees, student exhibitions and book grant to PAM Resource Centre.

16. PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Pursue change and innovation.
- Regain the position as leaders in the nation's building and construction industry.
- Enhance the architect's role in the Government and its policies.
- Enhance the Malaysian architectural education and graduate training so as to be relevant to the market needs and the future of Malaysia's architectural profession.
- To consolidate and re-invent so as to remain relevant to all members and the society.